

PINE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Proposition AA

(This proposition will appear on the ballot in the following form.)

PROP AA

Shall the Pine Valley Fire Protection District institute a special benefit tax for the purpose of continuing to provide fire protection and emergency medical services and the hiring of additional fulltime staffing, which will increase the level of emergency services provided. Charges will not exceed the amount set forth in Ordinance 2004-01?

This proposition requires approval by two-thirds of the voters.

**Full text of this proposition
follows the argument.**

COUNTY COUNSEL IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

Pursuant to authority granted by statute, the Pine Valley Fire Protection District ("District") is asking registered voters of the District to vote on a ballot measure proposing the adoption of a special benefit tax. Revenue raised by the special benefit tax may only be used to pay for the costs of fire protection and emergency medical services within the District.

Specifically, the measure requests voter approval of a maximum special benefit tax levied on a parcel, class of improvement to property and use of property basis as set forth in Ordinance No. 2004-01 of the District. The District will annually determine the amount to be levied, within the maximum amounts established. Each year there will be an annual adjustment to the maximum special benefit tax based on the increase, if any, in the consumer price index for the San Diego Region as determined by the United States Department of Labor.

The special benefit tax would no longer be collected in the event the County of San Diego establishes a fire protection district, fire authority, or contracts fire services to another fire agency to protect the citizens of the District.

Approval by two-thirds of the voters voting on the measure is required to adopt the special benefit tax. The District may not levy more than the maximum tax set forth in the ordinance without again obtaining two-thirds voter approval.

A "yes" vote means that you are in favor of adoption of an annual special benefit tax for providing fire protection and emergency medical services.

A "no" vote means that you are opposed to adoption of an annual special benefit tax for providing fire protection and emergency medical services.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION AA

OUR COMMUNITY Last year our area withstood the threat of a great disaster. Many neighbors and community members lost everything. For the majority who were spared, we remember everyday how close it was. We live here because it's beautiful. We live here because we want to raise families and retire in places called towns. The recent fires are a reminder of our precious community, its resources and its people. A reminder that we must provide fire and emergency services everyday – not just during natural disasters.

OUR FIREFIGHTERS Our current fire services are fulfilled by outstanding volunteers. These brave firefighters sacrifice their spare time away from their lives and families to protect each of us everyday. Our towns wouldn't be safe without their service. These volunteers have jobs and lives that take them away from our area much of the time. Proposition AA will supplement Pine Valley's volunteers by **providing 24-hour fire protection and emergency services to our area**. If our neighbor becomes injured or their house ignites, Proposition AA will makes certain that at least 4 well-equipped and trained firefighters are available to join our volunteers, coming to our their aid. Today, when there are no volunteers available, there is no one to help.

FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES The current budget for the Pine Valley Fire Protection District is \$187,000 annually. This money is used to maintain the fire department, fire equipment, including fire trucks and the equipment necessary to fight fires and provide emergency services. This proposal will allow for each homeowner to pay a small annual assessment of \$200 that will **provide 24-hour fire protection** in our area as a supplement to our volunteer forces.

TAXPAYER PROTECTION When the County of San Diego provides regional fire department for our area, this annual assessment will cease immediately.

Please help the firefighter by making Pine Valley area safer. Vote Yes on Proposition AA.

CHARLES A. CHAPMAN
Pine Valley Fire Protection District
Board Member

Vice President of
Pine Valley Improvement Club

JIM PILANT
Pine Valley Fire Protection District
Board Member

Former Pine Valley Fire Chief

BEN TULLOCH
Pine Valley Fire Protection District Board Member
Pine Valley Planning Group Member

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION AA

No argument against the proposition was filed
in the office of the Registrar of Voters.

**ORDINANCE No. 2004-01 A ORDINANCE DETERMINING
AND PROPOSING FOR ADOPTION AN ANNUAL SPECIAL BENEFIT TAX
FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
IN THE AREA OF THE PINE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Pine Valley Fire Protection District hereby ordains as follows;

Section 1. The Board does hereby determine and propose for adoption an annual special benefit tax for fire protection and emergency medical services within the boundaries of the area of the Pine Valley Fire Protection District pursuant to Government Code Section 53978 to be levied on a parcel, class of improvement, and use of property basis, not to exceed the following schedule:

Parcel, Class of Improvement Maximum Special Benefit Tax to Property, Use of Property

RESIDENTIAL \$200.00 PER PARCEL

APARTMENTS, CONDOMINIUMS, MOBILE HOME UNITS, \$100 PER UNIT

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL \$300.00 PER STRUCTURE Defined as any business registered within San Diego County

INSTITUTIONAL \$300.00 PER PARCEL

RECREATIONAL \$150.00 PER PARCEL Defined as any inhabited structure

IRRIGATED FARM LAND AND AGRICULTURAL, \$200 PER PARCEL Defined as any inhabited structure.

For the purpose of the special benefit tax, all single-family residences, mobile home units, apartment dwelling units, condominium dwelling units and trailers shall be considered equal and shall be subject to separate calculations according to the rates established in Section 1. Any commercial structure also used as a residence will be assessed the commercial fee only. There will also be an annual adjustment based on the increase in consumer price index for the San Diego region as determined by the United States Department of Labor.

Section 2. Such charges shall be charged to any parcel, improvement, or use of property to which fire protection and emergency medical services may be made available, whether or not said services are actually used upon a parcel, improvement or use of property.

In the event that San Diego County establishes a fire protection district, fire authority, or contracts fire services to another fire agency to protect the citizens of the Pine Valley Fire Protection District this proposition shall be nullified. On the date of said event, the revenues collected, based on this proposition, shall no longer be collected as prescribed by this proposition.

Section 3. Such charges shall be imposed for the purpose of obtaining, furnishing, operating and maintaining fire protection and emergency medical equipment and apparatus, and for the purpose of paying salaries, insurance costs, and benefits to personnel.

Section 4. In fiscal year 2004-5 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Board of Directors may direct the maximum special benefit tax as stated in Section 1 to be increased by a percentage equal to the percentage increase of the adjusted consumer price index measured between January 1 of the immediately preceding fiscal year and the proceeding January 1 as determined for the San Diego area by the U.S. Department of Labor. Increases greater than the increase in the adjusted consumer price index shall not be made unless they are authorized by a two-thirds vote of the voters casting ballots in the year for which increases are proposed.

Section 5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 53978, the special benefit tax proposed by this Ordinance shall be submitted to the voters within the boundaries of the Pine Valley Fire Protection District. The ballot proposition shall be worded as provided in the Resolution of the Board of Directors calling for the election.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall become operative on January 1, 2005, if the special benefit tax proposed by this Ordinance is approved by two-thirds of the voters voting on the question of the adoption of the special benefit tax.

Section 7. If the proposition is approved, the Board of Directors shall establish schedules varying each of such special taxes according to parcel, improvement to property, and use of property.

However, the special benefit taxes shall not exceed the maximum charges set forth in Section 1.

Section 8. If any portion of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional, invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the other provisions of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. Pursuant to Government Section 53978, this Ordinance is effective immediately as an Ordinance relating to an election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of August 2004.

AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 1
SIGNED: Benjamin Tulloch, Board President

ATTEST: Judi Lenz, Clerk of the Board